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With a history dating back to the beginnings of tourism here, the building is rich in memories. From the time it started as a luncheonette in 1920 right up to the present, it has remained most famous for shoo–fly pie, served warm with whipped cream. The Dutch Haven shoo–fly pie has even been mentioned in a TIME magazine article.

Today, as soon as you walk in, you'll be offered a free sample of that same delicious, gooey pie. Some 40,000 pies are baked annually, using the original (secret) recipe. Visitors are still encouraged to "Take one for yourself or send one to someone nice." You can buy and ship pies home at the store or at their "online shop," where you'll find other local crafts as well.

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Yes, Dutch Haven is much more than pies, with over 10,000 unique gift items, foods, and collectibles. Some of the most popular are jams, jellies, and canned goods, noodles, Amish pine furniture and cedar chests, hex signs, quilted spice mats, Amish straw hats, jewelry and gemstones, Dutch Delft tiles, Amish dolls, onyx and soapstone animals, trivets, metal stars, Tiffany lamps, Amish romance novels, framed prints, plenty of T–shirts and postcards, and a tremendous selection of Amish–made outdoor furniture. It's an eclectic mix, to say the least.

As you explore, you'll discover lots of other "surprises" around every corner. Expect the unexpected! And don't forget the Amish–style root beer in the barrel.

Remember, Dutch Haven is open 7 days a week, Sunday–Thursday, 9 AM–7 PM and Friday and Saturday 9 AM–9 PM. For more info about this Lancaster County landmark, call 717.687.0111. Look forward to your free sample when you walk in under the welcoming arms of the windmill…for this truly is the place that made shoo–fly pie famous.

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# Seasons of Reasons to Camp at Flory's

**By Clinton Martin**

Flory's Cottages & Camping is surrounded by Amish farms, so you really are "where the Amish are your neighbors." Buggies clip–clopping along the quiet country road out front are a common occurrence, as is witnessing the horse–drawn plows working the soil in the meadow out back. But if you're in the area now and you've got your lodging already taken care of, you might as well start planning for a return trip to Amish Country with a stay at Flory's. There are reasons in every season to relax at Flory's in 2018…

**Easter Weekend** Join Lou & Claudette (campground proprietors) and other guests for a celebration of Easter at Flory's. Weekend Camping Specials available.

**Mother's Day Weekend** Give Mom what she deserves this year — a nice, relaxing trip to Amish Country at Flory's. They'll be celebrating moms all weekend long.

**Memorial Day Weekend** Nothing rings in summertime like Flory's annual celebration of Memorial Day! The celebratory weekend is topped off with some family fun and music by local celebrity Summit Hill Bluegrass. Gather, relax, and enjoy the holiday together "where good friends meet."

**Father's Day Weekend** Attention all Dads... here's to you! And here's a weekend you should be at Flory's, as they celebrate fathers across the whole campground.

**Labor Day Weekend** Come on by and ham it up with Flory's, as this weekend sports the annual Labor Day Whole–Hog Pig Roast! Enjoy visiting and reminiscing, and the music (once again) of Summit Hill Bluegrass.

**Columbus Day Weekend** Lancaster County (and Flory's) is beautiful in October. Summit Hill Bluegrass is again all set to provide the perfect opportunity to mingle, visit, and enjoy autumn as the season winds down.

**Thanksgiving Weekend** Flory's bids farewell to another beautiful camping season by giving thanks together with a traditional turkey and stuffing dinner... delicious. Bring your appetite and your best dish for a family meal you'll soon not forget!

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# Thread Color into Your Life with QuiltWeek

**By Clinton Martin**

The Lancaster County Convention Center comes alive in March each year, when for one fabulous week, the American Quilter's Society stages an amazing QuiltWeek event downtown.

The 2018 edition, running March 21–24, promises a colorful array of quilted creations, including the expertly juried quilt competition. The stakes are high at this competitive contest, with over $50,000 in cash prizes for the winning quilts. A highlight for show–goers is the menagerie of fine stitching and artistic composition, as the entrant quilts are on display for all to appreciate.

**The yearly arrival of the American Quilter's Society for Quilt Week brings together quilters from around the world.**

But QuiltWeek is far more than just hundreds of quilts on display. As fun as it is to see these grand textiles, the event also offers ways to put a thimble or two to work and learn hands–on from nationally recognized craft experts and instructors. No fewer than 13 skilled coaches will be teaching classes and hosting seminars at the convention. These are award–winning quilters, published quilt–related authors, and colorful personalities that have decades of experience in the textile arts.

A massive merchant mall with well over 75 different quilt and craft related vendors offers a way to scrap, scrimp, save, and shop the breadth of the industry's offerings, all under one roof. And of course, many show–goers choose to traverse the county's back roads visiting any number of the area's numerous fabric and sewing shops, some of which are quaintly located on Amish farms.

While the GPS address for the Convention Center is 25 S. Queen Street, Lancaster, that's not the best way to find parking at the center. For the on–site parking garage, use 38 S. Duke Street. A second parking garage, only two blocks away from the center, is at 111 N. Prince Street.

**Quilter or not, you will be amazed at the colors, designs, and creativity on display at Quilt Week in Lancaster, where imagination is on display in every aisle.**

American Quilter's Society Show hours are Wed.–Fri., 9 AM–6 PM, Sat., 9 AM–4 PM. Admission is offered in one–day and multi–day combo packs. Visit www.QuiltWeek.com for more info or call 270.898.7903.

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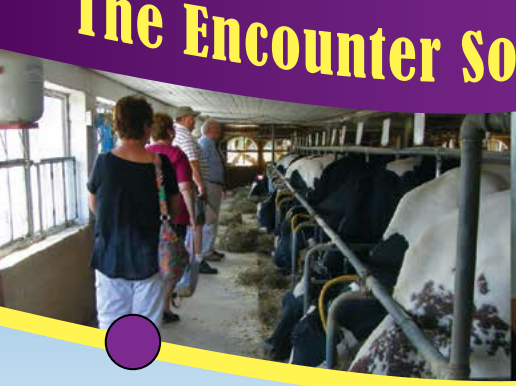

### On The Farm

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### At Work

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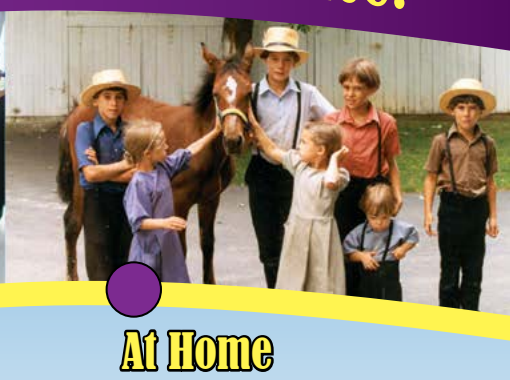

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**Stop 1: Amish Farm at Milking Time** Observe the milking process. Discover "Amish electricity" as you learn that the Amish do not milk cows by hand.

**Stop 2: Amish "Cottage Industry"** As land for farming shrinks, more Amish turn to home businesses to balance work and family. For example, we may visit a furniture craftsman, greenhouse, soap artisan, harness shop, canning kitchen, basket weaver, mini–horse farm, or even a carriage maker, for a personal talk and presentation.

**Stop 3: Visit An Amish Home** We'll go to the home of one of our Amish neighbors for friendly conversation…a chance to sit, chat, and visit the Amish way. It's not surprising that strangers soon become friends.

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# Gifts That Make A Difference

**by Clinton Martin**

In 1920 a group of Mennonites created the Mennonite Central Committee to aid hungry people in Russia and Ukraine. Today, the MCC is at work in every continent except Antarctica and Australia. Offices in 50 countries operate as bases from which disaster relief, vocational development or peace-building reaches at least 60 nations. When Haiti was devastated by Hurricane Matthew, the MCC went in and formed a coalition with local community groups and local government representatives to provide clean, reliable, safe access to water. Abandoned colonial plantation sites, some lying unused for hundreds of years were reclaimed for these communities by taking derelict colonial water cisterns, cleaning them out, rehabilitating and resealing them, and even rebuilding the roofs of the former slave quarters to direct clean rain water into the cisterns, further ensuring a lasting supply of safe water. Each cistern holds 37,000 gallons of water, supplying roughly 130 families with year-round, dependable, clean water.

All this great work takes more than just a desire and a mission. It takes money. Where does it come from? From our own backyards! MCC benefit sales, such as quilt auctions, are a common way for local chapters to raise money. A few years ago, a quilt named "Plain & Fancy" sold at an MCC sale for $9,000. Over 100 talented Amish and Mennonite women had worked on the painstaking creation of the now famous textile. But a $9,000 quilt is only a drop in the bucket when it comes to filling the coffers of the MCC. Over 16 million dollars of the MCC's annual budget comes from a very interesting source. A network of over 100 MCC Thrift Shops throughout the US and Canada. The largest concentration of MCC Thrift Shops is right here in PA (19 shops) and the largest concentration in PA is, of course, right here in Amish Country (6 shops). Seek out as many of these shops as you like, and discover a whole new kind of shopping. Find out more about the MCC in general at www.mcc.org. For more information about the MCC Thrift Shop network, visit www.thrift.mcc.org.

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Ephrata Re–Uzit Clothing & Housewares 717.733.4982 The small–town of Ephrata embodies the best of downtown Amish Country. There is plenty to do in this venerated borough, including some excellent thrift shop bargain–browsing. The Ephrata Re–Uzit shop is located right beside the old train station, now the town's visitor center, with plenty of free public parking including hitching rails for buggies, since the local Amish and Mennonite communities enjoy shopping here too. With one of the thrift shop network's widest selections of clothing, this

store offers a fine way to clothe the kids, mom, dad, friends, family, and even grandma and grandpa. There is also plenty of glassware and kitchen items, plus a well–stocked toy corner full of dolls, trucks, puzzles, and plush items.

Ephrata Re–Uzit Furniture & Books 717.733.4934 Also on State Street at the south edge of Ephrata is a furniture and book warehouse not to be missed. Luxurious used leather couches and sectionals are available at fantastic prices, while a large selection of wooden furniture like hutches, dining room sets, and desks and end tables are on display beside an impressive variety of upholstered choices. Sharing space in this store is also an extensive selection of books and other media. Locals and visitors alike love that every purchase helps support disaster relief around the Country and the world. The easiest way to reach this store is to head North on Route 272 from Lancaster, taking State Street at the Y (use the Wendy's as a landmark) and turn right into the parking lot of the store directly after turning onto State Street.

Re–Uzit Shop of New Holland 717.354.8355 At the intersection of Route 23 and Shirk Road in New Holland is a very special thrift shop. It started in 1976 and was the first MCC Thrift Shop in Lancaster County. This is one of the largest thrift shops in the entire MCC–supporting network. Retail space alone accounts for 26,000 square feet of items on display, with the entire building occupying 40,000 square feet! There is plenty of furniture, clothing, crafts, gifts, decorations, small kitchen appliances, dishware, hardware, antiques, collectibles, and lamps available in this multifloor shopper's delight. This store has selected items for half price every week based on the color of the price tag. In addition, there is a section for 50 cent clothing. Known for a bright, clean atmosphere with friendly, helpful staff, this Re–Uzit offers shoppers a fine way to spend an afternoon in Amish Country. www.newhollandreuzit.org

Morgantown Re–Uzit Shoppe 610.286.7233 Morgantown is often considered the gateway to Amish Country from the east. It is an easy hop and skip off the PA Turnpike, the first welcome to Amish Country many visitors see, and can be easily reached from Berks, Chester, and Lancaster Counties. On Route 23 just west of Morgantown stands a Re–Uzit shop full of thrifty and useful finds. This store has everything for daily life's necessities. Apparel, décor, home goods, toys, gifts – shop here before you go to a regular retail store. You'll probably find what you're looking for, save money, and support a worthy cause all at the same time. A great collection of vintage collectibles and antiques is a fun bonus. "Like "the store on Facebook to see more photos, specials, hours and directions.

The Main Street Closet 717.464.2038 Main Street Closet is 5 minutes south of Lancaster at 2842 N. Willow Street Pike in Willow Street, PA. The shop has been at this new location since April of 2013 and is growing by leaps and bounds. The inventory changes daily with a large assortment of housewares, vintage items, collectibles, glassware, tools, books, shoes, games, puzzles, linens and a huge variety of clothing for the entire family. Every week items with a different color price tag go on sale at half price throughout the store. You are sure to find that special something to add to your collection, a craft item you have been looking for, a cute outfit for one of the kids and even something for yourself or your spouse. Check out this fun store and see what treasure you might find! From Lancaster take Route 272 south. Turn left on the second road past Kendig Square shopping mall, which is West Willow Road. Proceed several blocks to the corner of West Willow and 272 North. If traveling north on 272, turn left onto West Willow Road to enter the parking lot. With items on display at the various stores above always changing, stop in at one or more of them and remember that you are not only helping yourself to quality merchandise at a fair price, but helping other folks in need at the same time. www.mainstreetcloset.org

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**March 27 – October 27**
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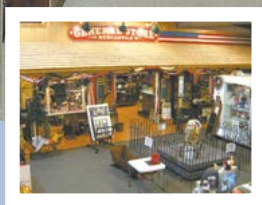

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# The Amish in Their Own Words

## Vol. 2 – Part Eight • • •

**by Brad Igou**

Several years ago, I started working on a second volume of THE AMISH IN THEIR OWN WORDS, my book compiled from Amish writings in "Family Life" magazine. Since then, for many reasons, my project of producing "Volume 2" remains in limbo. Nevertheless, because I had begun to read and compile articles, I have decided to share some of them with you again this year as a continuation of my 2017 Amish Series.

To begin this year's series, let me provide some quotes that will help you understand what this magazine is all about, starting with some comments from the editors and a reader as they reflected back to the publication's beginning in 1968. You will then read the first article in this continuing series...

FAMILY LIFE is just what the title indicates --- a family magazine. With that in mind, we welcome stories and articles about marriage and home life. The other thing we want to remind our readers of is the fact that it does not take a polished writer to supply material.

A story came to us in rough draft. It was handwritten on ordinary tablet paper, pages and pages of writing. The spelling was far from perfect, the paragraphing wasn't correct, and there were some rough spots to be smoothed out. The author apologized, saying she wrote the story in snatches, whenever her schedule allowed her a few spare moments. All this is proof that it doesn't take highly educated people to write for FAMILY LIFE, just everyday people who have a message and are willing to share it.

### Praying for the Future

As I read the inscription that had motivated the founding of the magazine --- "FAMILY LIFE is dedicated to the promotion of Christian living among the Plain People, with special emphasis on the appreciation of our heritage" --- I thought about all it really means, reading it over several times.

First, it wishes to promote Christian living among our people. Toward this end the writers must emphasize the importance of good moral values in our daily lives. This can be a real light to the world around us, if we practice such virtues. Likewise, it wished to emphasize the importance of sticking to the old foundation of our ancestors, which is simple living and an abstinence from all appearance of evil. This is also a light to the world, but perhaps not as noticeable until a longer period of time.

Is the faith of our hearts still the faith of our forefathers? Is it our desire to become both more holy in our daily walk before men and to uphold the humble ways of simplicity and discipline that our forefathers taught us? We will need both. If someone pretends to be "Christian-minded," yet denies it with lack of self-denial and humble respect for authority, or if someone is "Christian-clothed," yet denies it with lack of inner conscientiousness and brotherly love, how can either stand before God at the Judgment?

If we wish such "helps" as FAMILY LIFE to continue helping in the way it started out, we will all need to strive hard toward upholding the values of the Bible and pray earnestly for the magazine's future.

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### "True Savings" (Isaac R. Horst)

Our local newspaper, in conjunction with local merchants, is sponsoring its First Annual Gift Certificate Program. For $44.95, selected people are entitled to receive up to $500 worth of savings, gifts, and services. The operator draws telephone numbers out of a hat to select the lucky winners.

We happened to be among the "lucky" winners. When I answered the phone, the operator congratulated me and started to read off the list of gifts and savings to which we were entitled: free oil change, brake inspection, car wash, radiator test…

"Wait a minute!" I cut in. "We don't even have a car."

"You don't have a car?" She sounded incredulous. "Then what about flowers, hair styling, shampoo, and sun tanning?"

"I'm sorry, but none of that interests us."

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"Oh!" She began to show frustration. "Well, you would be entitled to two movie rentals and three tickets for cross-country skiing."

"We don't indulge in movies or in skiing."

"Here's one that you can't resist, though. You are entitled to three family portraits, for a total value of $239.85. I'm, sure you would appreciate that."

"We do not sit for portraits."

"Do you eat out sometimes? There are several meals available which, if you buy one, you get the second one free."

"We never go to a restaurant just for the sake of eating out; only when we are too far from home at lunchtime, and then we usually pack a sandwich."

That's when the operator gave up. The only item on the list that would have been of any value to us was two pounds of nails, which would not have been a bargain at $44.95.

I realized once again how fortunate we are that we are not compelled by our society to spend money for such a wide range of items and services.

Obviously, few people in developing countries would have benefited by any of these savings. All of these were until recently considered luxuries, which poor people could do well without.

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# From Antique to Custom Designs: Witmer Quilts

**By Clinton Martin**

Amish Country has long been known as a sublime vacation destination and, from the beginning, searching out homemade quilts has been a favorite visitor pastime.

Emma Witmer, of Witmer's Quilts, has introduced thousands of visitors to the quilted arts of the Plain People, going back at least 35 years. Indeed, Witmer Quilts was one of the first quilt shops in Amish Country, and today remains singularly unique.

Emma offers antique 1800's quilts in addition to contemporary designs. She also features exclusive designs, showcasing geometric complexity and colorful juxtaposition. Quilted items range from pot-holders to king-size bed quilts, with everything in between.

On my most recent visit, Emma showed me two spectacular quilts, one with the "Tumbling Block" design that actually works as an optical illusion. As you get close and then farther away from the quilt, your eyes focus on an array of blocks, as they seem to somehow tumble down the quilt.

**Blocks appear to be tumbling off this unique design at Witmer's Quilts.**

The other was a design that she created, using small squares hand-stitched by local Vietnamese refugees from the Hmong (pronounced "mung") district. Amish & Mennonite ladies quilted the majority of the quilt, but Emma added the Hmong designs to the body of the final piece. She coined the quilt *Harmony "A-hmong" People*, since two very different cultures came together to create the final product.

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# Made by Hand at Countryside Road Stand

**By Clinton Martin**

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All Amish are farmers, right? Nope! It's actually fewer than half. Many Amish operate small "cottage industries" without farming at all. But even many of the Amish who do farm also have a sideline they pursue to supplement their farm income.

The Countryside Road Stand offers a perfect view into this dichotomy. It is a farm, complete with animals in the meadow and surrounding fields of corn and other crops. Yet it is also one of the most popular of the area retail shops, displaying a magnificent variety of locally made Amish crafts, foods, gifts, and goods. The fresh, buttery, hot and chewy soft pretzels made on site are widely acclaimed to be worth the drive into the Amish countryside just by themselves.

The Countryside Road Stand really is out in the country, surrounded by Amish farms, and welcomes visitors to come, park the car for a while, enjoy a snack, shop the crafts, feed the animals in the meadow, and take home some tasty baked or jarred goods preserving the best of Lancaster County's produce. As a somewhat unexpected bonus, modern restroom facilities are available at this roadside stand.

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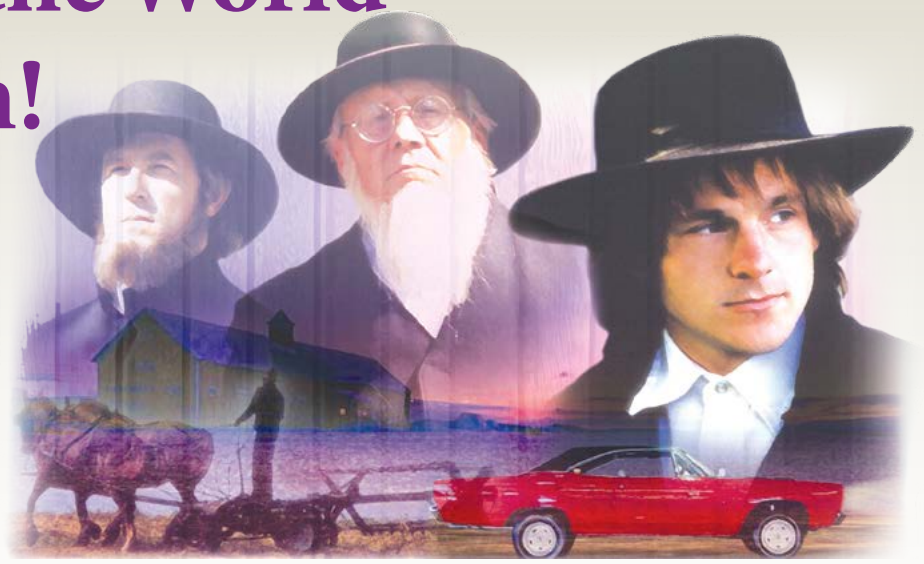

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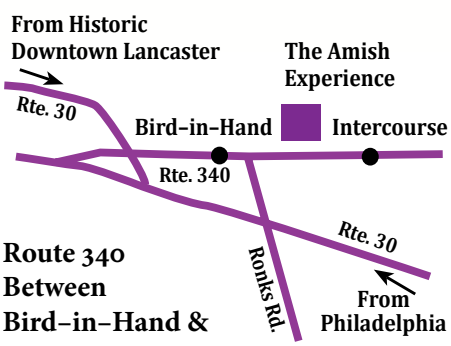


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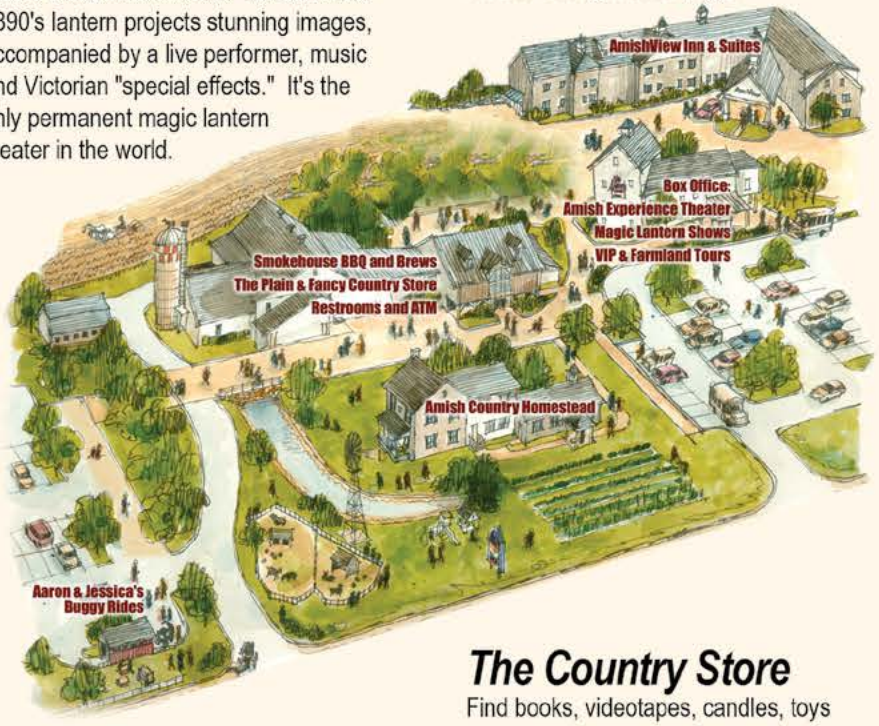


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# Country Housewares — Where the Amish Shop

**By Brad Igou**

Visitors to Amish Country are often surprised to see Amish shopping at Walmart, Costco, Target, etc. In fact, most of these stores even have hitching rails so Amish customers can park their buggies and tie up the horses while in the store. Clearly, however, Amish are at these stores for very specific items, not for computers, TVs, electrical appliances, and the latest fashions.

To gain some real insight into what the Amish lifestyle is all about, a visit to a particular store is recommended. You'll need to be a bit adventurous to find it out in the farmlands, but that's fairly easy now with a GPS.

Punch in 589 Musser School Rd., Leola, PA and you will soon find yourself at the Country Housewares Store, sometimes referred to as "the Amish Walmart." Needless to say, the store is not a big warehouse, but a nice size for browsing, with just seven aisles. (The store is open Monday–Saturday, but call 717.556.0985 for hours.)

**Unusual items such as handwoven baskets can still be found along the aisles in the Country Housewares store.**

Thanks to one of the Amish Experience tour guides, Jay Wenger, I can provide you with a little background information to enhance your visit….

This being an Amish store, there is no electricity coming in from the outside. A diesel generator provides heating and inside, skylights and propane gas provide lighting. Interestingly, solar panels provide "electricity" to operate credit card machines, and there is even a complicated process by which "air-conditioning" cools the store on hot days.

This is a good place to find items you don't normally see in non-Amish stores. As you wander the aisles, you'll discover Amish clothing, books, toys, glassware, and home decorations. Naturally, you won't be finding electrical appliances, but rather items that can be operated by batteries, etc. The musical clocks are a specialty and something of a fad in Amish homes here.

So, for the observant visitor, a visit here is a real "window" into the everyday life of the Amish. And you will probably find a couple items you'll want to take home for yourself because here, too, you'll find things you didn't even know you needed!

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# Amish Craftsmanship at Forest Hill Leather

By Clinton Martin

I've lived in Amish Country all my life. I can't remember a time when I didn't have to share the road with buggies, or remind my nose that the "fresh spreading" fertilizer aroma of the spring season is a really good thing. In some ways, I've grown quite accustomed to the beauty of the area, perhaps taking for granted the bucolic rolling hills and checkerboard farms that draw visitors from around the world in such great numbers.

But every now and then, even I sometimes experience Amish Country in such a way that drops my jaw and jostles my heartstrings. Such was the case when I discovered, and visited for myself, Forest Hill Leather Craft.

Forest Hill Leather Craft is an Amish family-owned business located on a farmette down a winding road, just north of Route 23 in Leola (the postal GPS address is actually Bird-in-Hand). I had the pleasure of walking into the barn, half of which is your traditional horse barn, whereas the other half is a beautifully appointed leather craft showroom, displaying amazing pieces of quality workmanship and artistry.

Besides appreciating the artisanal product of the many belts, handbags, knife sheaths, wallets, briefcases, and other accessories, I thoroughly enjoyed meeting Ike (proprietor)

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Of the many unique names on the Amish Country map, Bird-in-Hand is justifiably famous. William Penn, an English Quaker, had founded the colony of Penn's Woods, and settlers began arriving in Philadelphia from Europe in the early 1700's, moving westward to Lancaster. Legend goes that by 1734, as the Old Philadelphia Pike was being laid out, two surveyors at McNabb's Hotel discussed whether to stay there overnight or return to Lancaster. One noted, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." Soon the hotel and the village picked up the name, and travelers have been welcomed there ever since.

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# Sam's Man Cave – Breweriana Nirvana

**By Clinton Martin**

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# When Looking for Fabric, Look for Good's Store

**By Clinton Martin**

Good's Store first opened in a small garage at the home of company founder, Harry Good, in 1957. He was a farmer whose health was dictating he had to leave tilling the soil behind. After only two years, his business had outgrown the garage, and he built a store-specific building.

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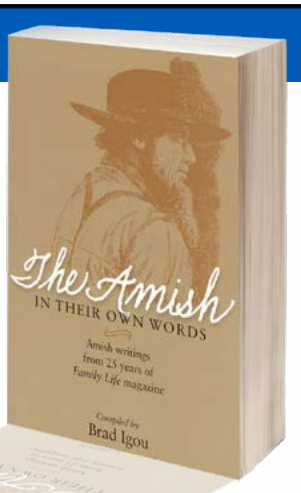


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## Forest Hill Leather Craft

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and his children (most of whom help out around the shop, learning first-hand the family trade.)

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I was invited to go upstairs into the workshop and see the tools he uses and observe pieces at various stages of completion. I came away from my visit with much more knowledge and far greater appreciation of the craft than what I had gone in with.

These are the kinds of experiences that I realize so many visitors come to the area seeking, but often are at a loss for how to make happen. I can attest that a visit to Forest Hill Leather Craft is a shopping pleasure, of course, but also a meaningful experience where you learn something, meet an Amish family, and see and hold in your hands Amish hand-crafted artistry.

Call 717.656.8758 (and be prepared to leave a message) so Ike can call you back and welcome you to his shop and showroom. or just put 225 Forest Hill Rd, Bird-in-Hand into your GPS and drop in. Forest Hill is open daily, except Sundays, Monday through Friday 7 AM–7 PM, Saturdays 7 AM–5 PM.

**Here is the Grand Prize Winner from our 2016 Photo Contest, "Spring at the Poole Forge Covered Bridge," taken by Ray Smecker of Narvon, PA. We look forward to seeing your favorite pictures of Lancaster County.**

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## Good's Fabrics

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Breeze Fabrics are available at many retailers through Good's distribution network, but of course a mind-boggling array of Tropical Breeze is available on site at each Good's Store in Lancaster County.

The latest innovation by Good's was to develop an online store at www.goodsstores.com where customers unable to make it to the store in person (or those wishing to purchase more than can fit in the trunk of their cars!) could shop at the same low in-store prices, with free shipping on qualifying orders.

The online marketplace opened in fall of 2017, starting purposefully unheralded to make sure it worked well. Now with a few months under their belts, Good's is happy to say the online storefront is an absolute success and the website can be shouted from the rooftop. They're ready for you!

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# 2017 Amish Country News Photo Contest Winners

**By Brad Igou**

Every year, I look daily at my inbox to see what pictures may have come in as entries in the Annual *Amish Country News* Photo Contest. Each time I click to open a photo, I am a little excited, because I never know what I may see. Sometimes I actually gasp with delight, or give a soft-spoken "Wow" under my breath. The year 2017 was no exception. In fact, I actually chose two photos as Honorable Mentions instead of the usual one. And now for the winners. A drum roll, please….

## GRAND PRIZE

### "Amish Boys at Longwood Gardens" by Joe Grace (Elkton, MD)

You don't see people doing black-and-white photography much anymore, and yet there are many wonderful photos and movies that seem to me "better" that way. And with the Amish, black and white makes perfect sense. Amish enjoy going on "outings" from time to time, and here some of them went to Kennett Square. As Joe explained, "The photo of the Amish boys is at Longwood Gardens when the fountains were being tested prior to the grand opening of the new fountain display this year. I saw the boys watching the test and snapped the pic. Notice that each subject is framed individually by the fountains. 9/2016."

I'd say Joe definitely has an "eye" for a good photo.

## FIRST PLACE

### "Walking to Church"

**by Victoria Wagner (Athens, PA)**

This photo taken October 11, 2015 in Lancaster shows some girls walking along the road. Victoria said they were going to church, but I am guessing they may have been on their way home. Why? You'll notice that two of them have taken off their shoes. The white cape and apron are typically worn by single girls to church services here. The "Pedestrian Crosswalk" sign just added another touch. But ultimately, this photo gave me that sense of quiet, peaceful beauty I associate with Amish Country on a Sunday morning.

## SECOND PLACE

### "Balloon Over Amish Farm" by Nancy Fream (Hanover, PA)

Nancy says this photo was taken in October of 2014. She was apparently staying at the Amish View Inn & Suites, which has spectacular views from its rooms. Besides watching the Amish farmer harvesting corn, she was lucky enough to capture this photo of a hot air balloon, perhaps getting ready to land. You'll see some strips of corn not yet harvested, and even a one-room school right below the colorful balloon. The autumn shades make for a perfect background.

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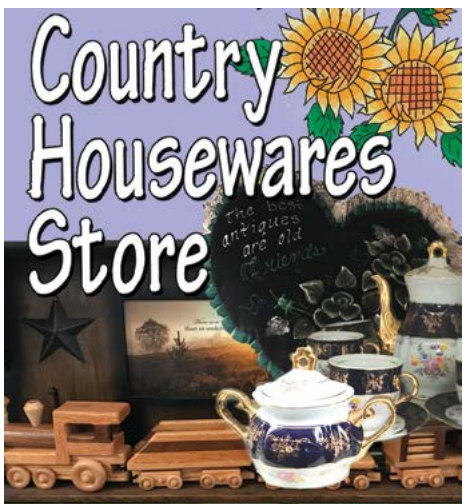

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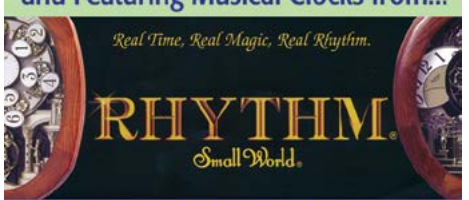


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**Since 1961, visitors have thrilled to the spectacular train layout at the Choo Choo Barn, with its 150 animated figures and 22 trains.**

"Linda and I can't believe that this event has spanned 30 years. With such a milestone anniversary upon us, we wanted to expand it and give more. After a brainstorming session, the idea for 'Thankful Thursdays' was born to give this event a rebirth," said Tom Groff, owner and chief animator at the Choo Choo Barn. Opening up the event throughout the year creates an opportunity for more people to visit and more food to be collected during times when the food bank may be lacking in supply. "The holiday season is a popular time to give and often our shelves are overflowing…but we'd love to collect more throughout the year," said Judy Dougherty of the Octorara Area Food Cupboard.

"Thankful Thursdays" will be held six times in 2018 from 9am–6pm on the first Thursday of the month: April 5, May 3, June 7, September 6, October 4, and November 1. Admission to the Choo Choo Barn layout is FREE with a donation one non-perishable food item per person, regardless of age.

Please note that the following items are highly in demand: peanut butter, canned meats (tuna and chicken), healthy cereal, pasta, fruit and rice. No expired food is accepted. Please give generously — admission is at least one item per person!

The Choo Choo Barn is located along Route 741 East at 226 Gap Road, Strasburg, PA. For more information, call 717.687.7911 or visit www.choochoobarn.com/thankful. Enjoy this amazing train display and do some good at the same time!

## 2018 Photo Contest (Continued from Pa 32)

## THIRD PLACE "No Speeding"

**by John Bosler (Pottstown, PA)**

John submitted several photos but said this was his favorite one. He gave it the title "No Speeding," since you see the sign indicating 15mph on a winding country road. That, of course, is no problem for this Amish man in a "three-wheeler." Looks like he was heading home after some shopping. Besides the slow-moving vehicle triangle, the red flag is a further safety precaution. John wanted me to notice that he even captured the rider's face in the mirror.

## HONORABLE MENTION #1 "Rainy Day Wagon Ride"

**by Ramya Ramkumar**

This visitor obviously loved the time spent in Amish Country, and wrote "please find the following entries attached for the contest with pictures from the most mesmerizing and 'stopping time still' and 'taking back in time machine' experience in my life. Taken in and around Bird in Hand, Ronks, May 13, 2017." I liked this photo of a father with his son, returning from the store on a rainy day, pulling the red wagon. Even though there is an umbrella in the wagon, they seem content to walk along in their "rain gear." This photo got plenty of "Aww, cute" comments here at the office.

## HONORABLE MENTION #2 "12 for a Dollar"

**by Carolyn Birardi (Edison, NJ)**

I enjoy reading any information from photographers about where and when they took a picture. I especially liked Carolyn's..."I am sending photos I took in August 2017. I was on my early morning walk on Centerville Road, Gordonville, and I spotted tomatoes for sale, 12 for one dollar. I didn't have a dollar so I walked back to our B&B and got my dollar and walked back up the hill and put the dollar in the bag. They were the best tomatoes!!" It made for a simple, but lovely photo with those bright red tomatoes.

**We look forward to seeing YOUR photos in 2018!**

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# Publisher's Message

Once again over the last year, Mother Nature has demonstrated her powers across the land. As of this writing, there may still be people without electricity or a home due to hurricanes, floods, fires, and mudslides. We learned again that all of our multi-million dollar technology and government resources are sometimes no match for the tragedy nature can inflict.

What few weather problems we had here in Lancaster simply pale in comparison. About all we had to deal with was some snow, which reminds me of a story I was told by an elderly friend of mine…

## Community & Quilts

**By Brad Igou**

**Photo Credit: Wayne Fitzgerald**

He and his wife had been snowed in one winter after a big blizzard. Even though they were the oldest members in their church, no one from their congregation had called or stopped by to check on them. Remember, my friend was not Amish and, unlike Amish church districts where everyone lives nearby, I'm sure his congregation was fairly scattered throughout the county.

One day they were surprised to hear a knock at their door. He was curious why there were no car tracks visible coming down their driveway through the snow. The "caller" turned out to be an Amishman who lived down the road. He had managed to get out on the roads with his horse and buggy, and had thought about the two of them. He stopped in to see if they needed anything.

Their Amish neighbor had demonstrated a sense of community and concern for this older couple, typical in the Amish world where "secret friends" sometimes leave food and surprises for those elderly members who live alone. It didn't really matter that his neighbors weren't Amish. It was simply the right thing to do. Which, oddly enough, brings me to the subject of quilts…

Quilting "bees" and get-togethers have long been popular in the Amish community and beyond. Many hands work together to create what might best be called a work of love. Even many local churches make quilts and comforters for those less fortunate oversees. Quilts are made for a wedding, and often handed down from generation to generation. So perhaps most people would say they don't consider what they are making as a work of art. It is rather the purpose of the quilt, and who will receive it, that matters.

Quilts are often composed of competing colors and patterns, and even opposites can be made to blend and work together as a whole. The individual patchwork pieces of a quilt can become a beautiful masterpiece, enhanced with colors and patterns that at first glance seemed to be at odds with each other. The sum of the quilt is more important than the individual pieces, yet these pieces have to be purposefully and thoughtfully joined together.

In the same way, people of different religions, cultures, beliefs, and lifestyles can also come together, become friends, and enjoy each other's differences, rather than letting those differences pull them apart and divide them. There can be a mutual respect, and even joy, in those differences, which may even enhance traditions, enrich friendships, transform customs, and lead to new discoveries.

People around the world see in America a patchwork of peoples and cultures that can be a source of pride and enrichment, of unity amidst diversity, even of strength. All we need is the creativity and patience of a quilter to bring it all together. The quilter can see the multitude of pieces and colors, figure out a way to make them work in harmony, and move toward that soon-to-be-completed quilt with determination and faith in what they can achieve.

So, I have been thinking… Maybe we should try letting some quilters run the world for a while.

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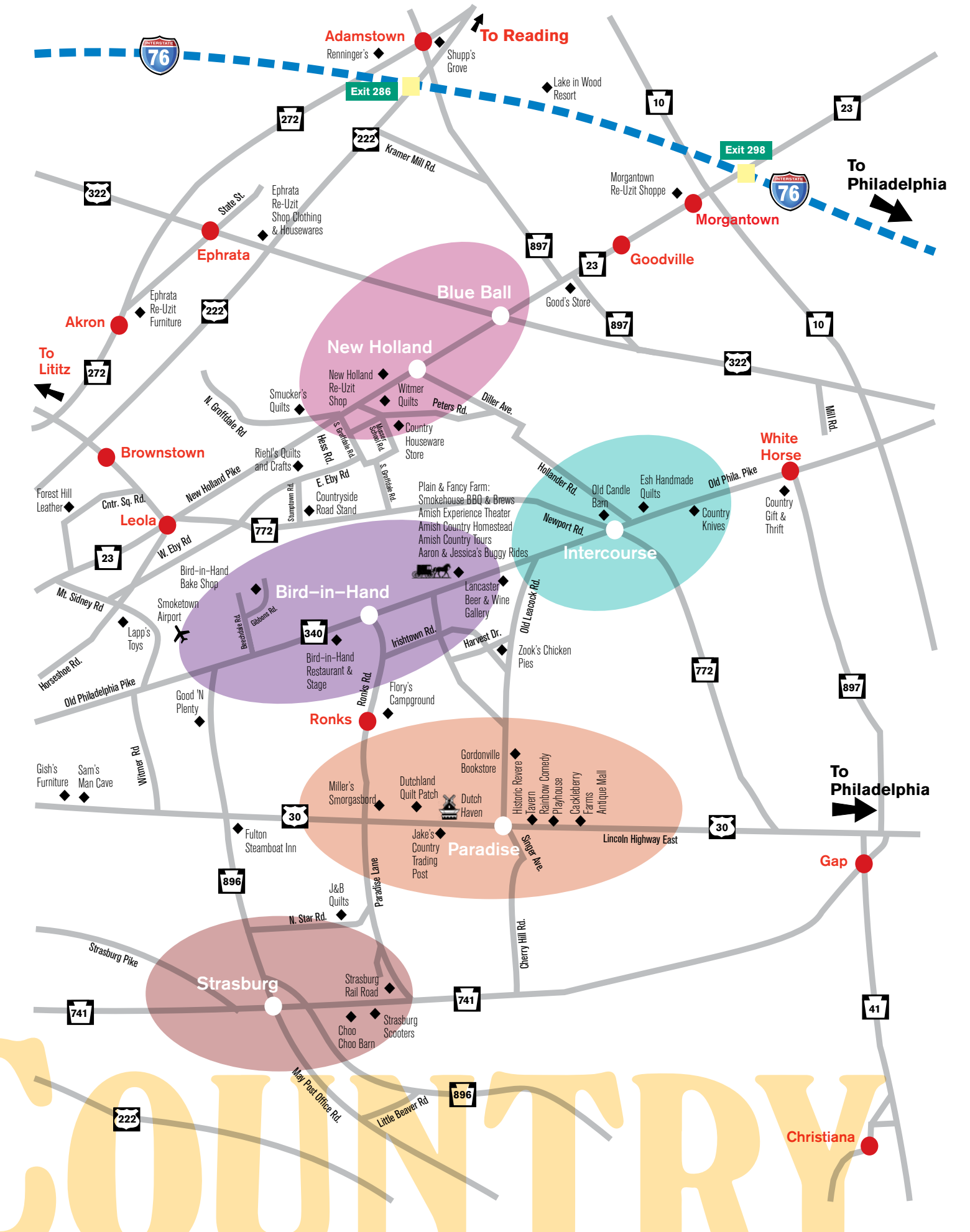
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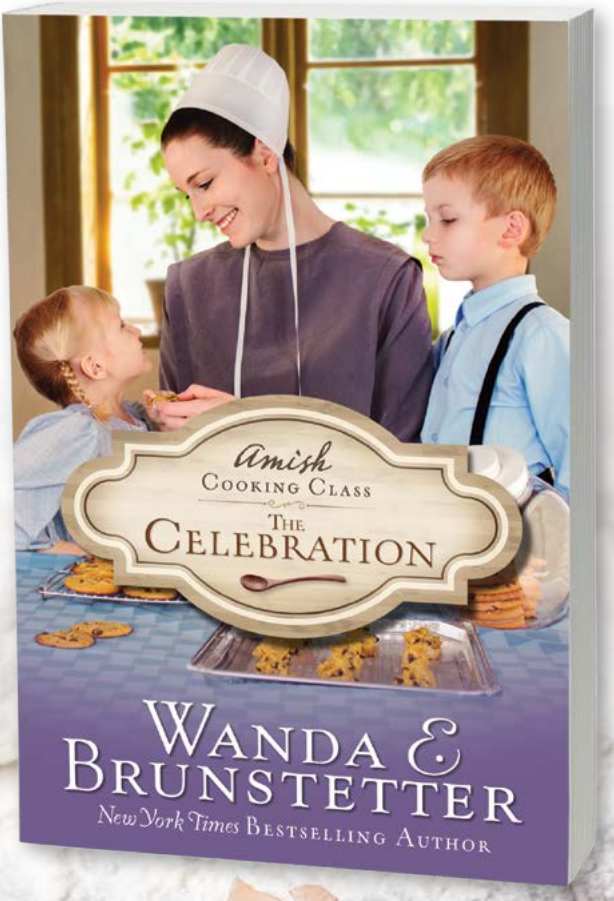


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